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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the

following preliminary amendment:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title to read as follows:

-- HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, HEALTHCARE APPARATUS, SERVER AND

**HEALTHCARE METHOD--**

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371.5237.

Respectfully submitted,

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